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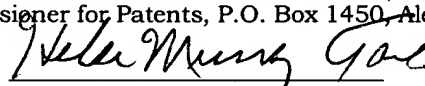
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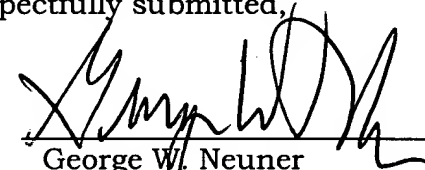
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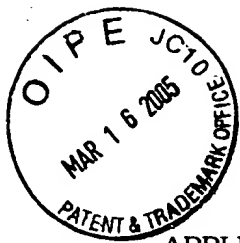
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 13, 2004

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.